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IN BRIEF

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If anyone has information about this crime please call the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

IN QUOTES

"One of the greatest things people can do is write down a bit of their history for their children."

Fred Gregory
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Chad Ingram/TIMES

Horses are diggin' the fair

This burly twosome formed one of the teams in the horse pull, one of the fair's most popular events. See more photos on pages 14-16.

Getting arty at Frost Centre

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

John Switzer had a blast when he took part in one of the Frost Centre Institute's summer camp programs last week.

see FROST INSTITUTE *page 13*

Kinders could handle full days

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Full-day senior kindergarten classes taught by qualified teachers would be a positive transition for young Haliburton County students, according to two of the area's retired kindergarten teachers.

Diane Dawson and Wilma Powers both taught kindergarten for years in schools throughout Haliburton County.

"I enjoyed the full day, every other day," Dawson said. "That gave the JKs, who were small, time to recuperate."

However, Dawson said she thought, "SKs could easily handle all day, every day."

Currently, both junior and senior kindergarten students attend classes on a part-time basis.

Powers agreed with Dawson.

While she said at one time she would have been opposed to the idea of four- and five-year

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Correction

Incorrect information was published in the story Salary hikes put top AH official over $100,000 in the August 19 edition of the *Times*. While the township's chief administrative officer and treasurer/tax collector will be receiving the incremental salary increases laid out in the story, other municipal employees will not be receiving the increases outlined in the article.

The increases are the result of a pay equity review and while the article read that a three per cent cost of living increase would apply, pay increases for all staff members are discussed and implemented on an annual basis.

The *Times* sincerely apologizes for this error.

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Success of 150th bike tour may lead to 151st tour

by **JENN WATT**
Times Staff

After the success of the Minden 150 Bike Tour August 15 in celebration of the town's sesquicentennial anniversary, there may be a 151 tour in the works.

Originally dreamt up by the sesquicentennial planning committee, the race then harnessed the cycling passion of Penny and Bill Obee.

If everyone's on board to do another, Penny says they're "definitely planning on a Minden 151."

Overall, the cyclists were happy with the routes (save for the construction on Highway 503 between Gooderham and Kinmount) and although the weather was perhaps too muggy for some, no one was made sick from the air quality or the heat.

Penny estimates 25 per cent of the 188 participants were local.

Thanks go out to Rick Cox, Angela Van Berlo, Blake Paton, Dick Charron, Peter McCluskey, Bert Kennedy, Mac Ellis and funding from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, Ontario Ministry of Tourism and other donors.

Chad Ingram/TIMES

Penny and Bill Obee organized this year's Minden 150th Bike Tour and would like to do it again next year.

Racing charge laid on Hwy 35

A 74-year-old Toronto man was charged with racing after an OPP officer stopped a southbound car on Highway 35 in Minden Hills on Saturday, August 22. The vehicle was found to be traveling more than 50 km/h over the posted 80 km/h speed.

Debbie, Kendra, Jennie

Debbie & Jennie at Headlines Hairstyling would like to welcome Kendra Lippolis to our hairstyling team on September 8th

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- Garlic Festival - Saturday, August 29
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- Haliburton Farmers' Market update
- Cards scores

Plus Sudoko, crossword, classifieds and coming events.

Derek Little/Special to the TIMES

Hal High students from Derek Little's Highlands Outdoor Educational Development program feed brush into a wood chipper back in May. Little's class took on the project, which was a win-win for both schools.

ASES rediscovers some natural space

by **MATT JAMES**
Times Staff

Students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School will have another place to frolic at recess come September thanks to some great eco-thinking.

In the wooded area behind the school is a trail system used for classes such as physical education. Several years ago Grade 5 teacher Sue Ferren said students were permitted to play in the wooded area at recess but concern for student safety prompted the school to discontinue this practice.

"It just didn't work," said Ferren. "We just couldn't see them properly. A teacher or parent had to be right in there monitoring."

But that all changed on May 22 after Ferren, who is currently on maternity leave, acted on a couple of ideas.

Ontario EcoSchools

Ontario EcoSchools was created in 2002 by a group of education stakeholders to address environmental issues in the formal education system. Seven school boards, York University and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority collaborated to adapt and expand on the work of the Toronto District School Board to develop an environmental education program that could be used provincewide.

Meeting regularly to provide oversight and overall direction is the Ontario EcoSchools Steering Committee. For ASES, EcoSchools is essentially an environmental education program that helps students develop ecological literacy while also engaging in practices to become environmentally responsible citizens.

Two years ago the former director of education for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, Kathy Verduyn, wanted all schools in Haliburton County become EcoSchools. Schools first have to apply and achieve a certification of bronze, silver or gold.

How a school is certified depends on its environmental initiatives and how well they follow the program's four pillars: ecological literacy, waste minimization, energy conservation, and school ground greening.

Ferren thought that the natural play space could be reopened as part of the school ground greening pillar.

"We wanted more natural space for the kids to play in at recess," said Ferren. "And also a place that provides shaded shelter. It kind of fulfilled two desires; we wanted to open up that space but it also helped us meet the criteria for EcoSchools too."

Ferren's second idea was to partner with Haliburton Highlands Secondary School to save on costs. The high school came to mind after hearing about teacher Derek Little's Highlands Outdoor Educational Development program.

Little visited ASES in 2008 to access the situation and said the project was doable.

Staying with the environmental theme, Ferren wanted to keep the project as sustainable as possible. It was decided that all of the trees and/or brush removed from the woods would be chipped and spit right back on to the forest floor.

In addition, the school's Eco-team members designed a plan, with assistance, for the area and what it might look like.

"The EcoSchools auditor came from Toronto and she was really excited about the project," said Ferren. "And the kids are very excited."

With permission from the EcoSchools committee, Little and Ferren agreed to start the project in the spring of 2009. And on May 22 Little's class arrived at the break of dawn with their machines in tow.

Ferren says about 27 students arrived that morning, and were finished and cleaned up by early afternoon.

"I was just so impressed," said Ferren. "It was so cool to watch his class work. I couldn't believe how fast they did it and how professional they were."

The area is appoximately 200 feet in length by 80 feet wide — about the size of the high school's gym.

Part of the inspiration for getting the natural play area back was the schoolyard properties of Haliburton's J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School and Stuart Baker Elementary School.

"We live in an area with all these trees and all this natural space, we're so blessed that way," said Ferren. "Some schools are just a big concrete pad."

The project was supposed to open prior to the end of the school year but Ferren said faculty was "still working out the logistics of how to supervise it." The new area will be closed during the winter months.

Upon the completion of the project Ferren was given some good news: after just two years ASES has received EcoSchools golden certification.

"This is quite an honour, we're thrilled!" said Ferren. "Our efforts have paid off with the highest honour."

Who was Alfred Walter (Pop) Moore?

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Carnarvon resident Fred Gregory is taking a journey through his family's past and is inviting other Haliburton County residents to come along for the ride.

His new book, *A Year in the Life of Alfred Walter "Pop" Moore, 1906,* explores, well, a year in the life of Alfred Moore, who was Gregory's grandfather.

A member of the Moore family that operated a small fur-trading empire in Haliburton County starting in the early 19th century and for which the Moore lakes and Moore Falls are named, Alfred was born at Moore's Point, between the two Boshkung lakes, in 1871. A jack of many trades, Moore was an insurance agent, a sales agent for a wagon, sleigh and harness supplier, a stonemason, carpenter, cabinetmaker and farmer. He made a number of contributions to the community of Carnarvon, including helping to construct Zion United Church.

Gregory received a copy of Moore's 1906 diary from his cousin in 2005 and that primary resource is the foundation upon which the book is built.

He validated the information from the diary using census information, birth and death records, land acquisition deeds and other such documents.

"It's taken a good four years to create the book at its present state," Gregory said, seated in his home along Carnarvon's Mirror Lake last week.

The book is the second volume in a three-volume series entitled *The Gregory-Moore Connection,* although the first volume, focusing on the history of the Moores, and the third, focusing on the family's activities in the 20th century, have yet to be completed.

Gregory said the book might be interesting to others from long-standing Haliburton County families, since Moore's diary mentions interactions with all kinds of people from the community.

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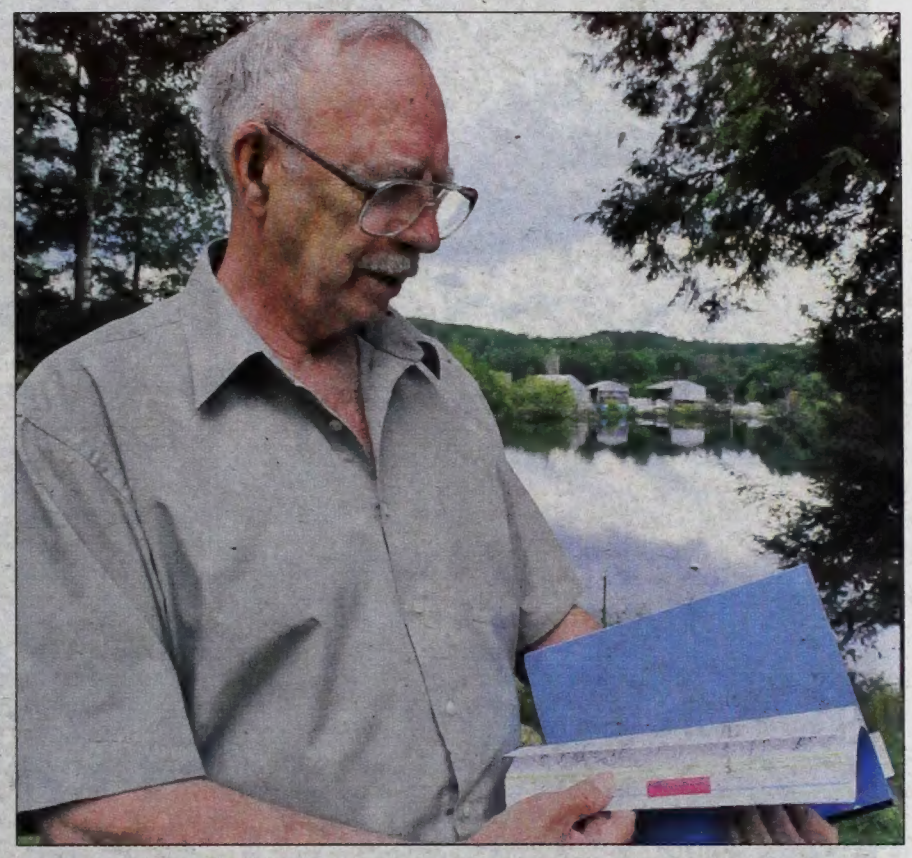

Chad Ingram/TIMES

Carnarvon resident Fred Gregory's latest book chronicles a year in the life of his grandfather, Alfred Walter Moore, who was one of the village's pioneers.

Author encourages others to research their family's past

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People may be able to discover secrets from their own family's past, he said, adding that while reading Gregory's book one woman came across a diary entry where Moore had recorded going to the funeral of a baby belonging to her family.

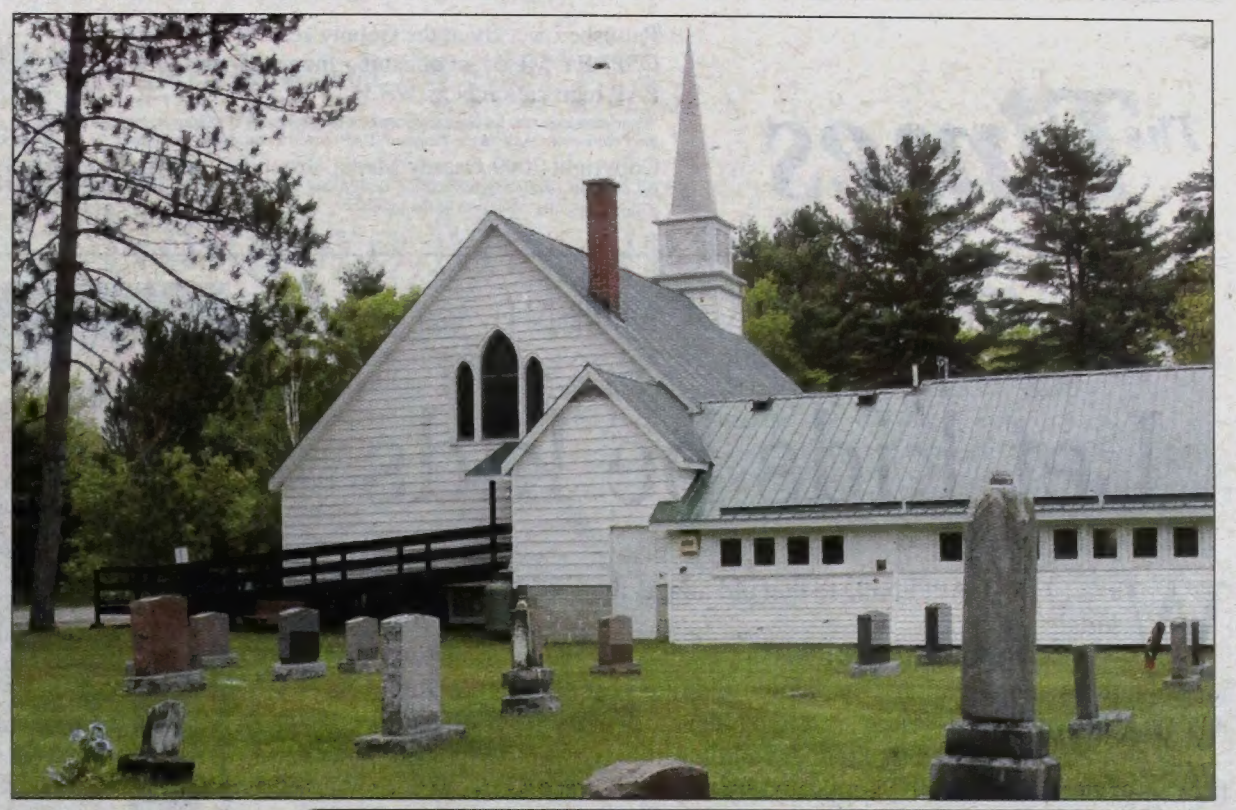
"When she came to that, she was quite amazed because she knew nothing about that," Gregory said.

He believes it's important for people to chronicle their lives.

"One of the greatest things people can do is write down a bit of their history for their children," Gregory said. "Most people don't even know how their parents met. And if they do, they don't know how their grandparents met. Now go back five or six generations. Where did these people come from?"

Gregory has authored a number of other books, including one on herbs and another on the Carnarvon Ski Club.

Gregory's latest book can be found at area libraries, or a copy can be ordered by contacting him at 489-2496.



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Alfred Moore made a number of contributions to the community of Carvarvon in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, including helping to construct the Zion United Church.

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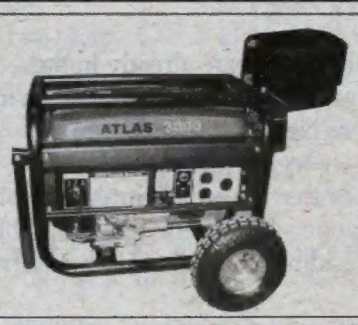

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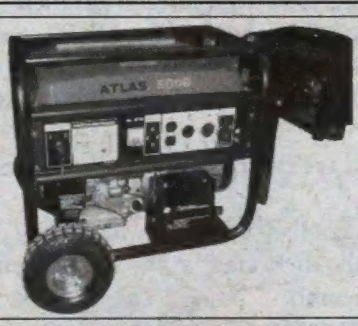

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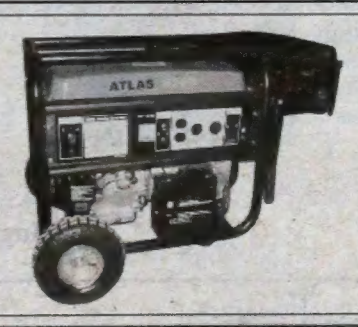

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EDITORIALCOMMENT

Let kids be kids

WHAT HAS HAPPENED to that old adage, the one about letting kids be kids?

A recent poll has shown that a vast majority of Ontarians support the idea of full-day kindergarten, where four- and five-year olds would attend class all day, Monday through Friday, just like older students.

This idea was also touted by Premier Dalton McGuinty during the last provincial election and is also supported by the Elementary Teachers' Federation, although they have slightly different ideas of how the system should work.

The government has suggested non-teachers could teach kindergarten, though this idea obviously doesn't sit very well with the teachers' union.

But that, for the purposes of this editorial, is neither here nor there.

Let's back the cart up for a second.

The vast majority of Ontarians think full-time kindergarten is a good idea.

Really?

Why?

Under the current system, children with fall birthdays are already in the educational system by the time they are three years old. And now we want to make four-year-olds sit through as much class as eighth-graders?

What kind of hellish, Orwellian scenario are we trying to create here?

We are so obsessed with success and efficiency that we are beginning to rob children of their childhood, the one time in anyone's life where it is acceptable to do important things like play in mud puddles and burn insects with magnifying glasses.

It seems that at earlier and earlier ages, parents are scrambling to get their children prepared for the world, to get them one step ahead of the other toddlers, who will one day be their competition in the job market.

There are now companies that produce DVDs aimed at teaching infants basic scholastic skills.

These kids are still not fully toilet trained and we're expecting them to learn times tables.

The government might as well start sticking English teachers in maternity wards, their job simply being to start reading the dictionary at the top of their lungs to babies the instant they are out of the womb.

Once the grind starts, for most of us it lasts 50 or 60 years. Why not give four- and five-year olds a few extra days to stay at home and play?

Perhaps that is just old school thinking.

Chad Ingram

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Sunny slide of life — Photo by Chad Ingram

TOTHEEDITOR

Times readers write

A second look at bears

Editor's note: A few weeks ago, Keith Stata shared his views on the bear problem. Unfortunately, part of his letter had to be removed to fit the space. The following sums up the points he was trying to make.

To the Editor:

People need to get their perspectives straight. People who break into and steal from or vandalize residences are a lot bigger problem than the odd bear visit and we don't cull them. Plus, never mind the bears - if we don't get our own house in order and cap human populations worldwide, in less than 50 years the earth will no longer sustain us. Not much of a legacy for future generations.

Keith W. Stata
Kinmount

InOtherWords

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Impressed with Minden

A few weeks ago, Diane and Robert Armstrong dropped by Minden on their way home to South Porcupine. They were so impressed by what the town has achieved that she wrote a letter to their hometown paper, the Timmins Daily Press. The letter, edited for length and local readership, follows.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We recently visited a community that has just completed a NEW 124-foot pedestrian bridge that joins two River Walks through the town. They got $1 million in government funding for the bridge alone. The municipality came up with $500,000.

They have just opened a NEW 5,000-square-foot library. They have a cultural centre that houses a museum, an art gallery, two drama groups and the NEW R.D. Lawrence Place.

They converted a large vacant lot into a Village Green – a cobblestoned centre with a gazebo/bandshell surrounded by benches and limestone blocks.

The funds were raised with assistance from service clubs, private individuals and government grants.

The Lions Club raised $900,000 for local projects, $200,000 of which went for their NEW hospital and $50,000 for a NEW helipad at the hospital. The Rotary Club, with 17 members, raised $300,000 for the NEW hospital and $200,000 for the NEW cultural centre. The Kin Club with only 13 members raised enough money to purchase a NEW Ambulance and donated a further $22,000 to the medical centre.

The people of this community showed that by working together and with the proper and timely applications for government grants, these huge building projects can be completed.

Diane Armstrong
South Porcupine

No more Mr. Nice Guy

Beyond35

Steve Galea

IT'S NOT EASY being a nice guy. In fact, a recent report proved it. That study suggested that, on average, polite, passive fellows make about $2,500 less per year than their more aggressive and meaner counterparts.

It is no big deal really, but just thought I'd mention it. In fact, I don't even want to think about work today.

Actually boss, after I write this, I plan on enjoying a typical, relaxing day. I'll probably just wrestle a bear or two and then spend the rest of my time growing even more chest hair and pounding things with sledgehammers. Same old manly aggressive stuff, I guess.

Who needs more money anyhow? Just the other day, after I won that arm-wrestling contest and before I reset my dislocated shoulder, I actually said the same thing to the three guys whom I was in the process of brawling with.

I screamed that it's not like an extra $2,500 a year would help all that much around here. Oh, it might buy me more weights so I could finally bench press 500 pounds, but that'd be about all. Maybe a bit of oil for my chainsaw too, I suppose.

Anyhow, as I sit here, write this, and assemble loud motorized tools of destruction, I'm pretty sure – check that, I'm positive – that I'm aggressive and mean enough to warrant an extra $2,500 per year. Unless, of course, it's not in the budget, in which case it's not a problem. Really. Forget I ever mentioned it, boss.

But, believe me, I am aggressive enough. Remember that time that there were only three coffees left in the coffee maker and there were four of us? Yeah, well I didn't want one anyhow. And, no matter how it appeared, I didn't back off when that old lady elbowed me out of the way either – I just changed my mind.

I could take her in a fair fight you know. Oh yeah, she'd be toast. I'm a pretty good boxer.

Hang on a second; I have to go outside and yell at passing people for no good reason. It's just something that we mean, aggressive guys do.

Okay, where was I?

Oh yeah, we were talking about a possible pay raise. Sure, an additional $2,500 a year would work for me. Thanks for asking.

You know, I'm going to celebrate by yelling at more people and doing doughnuts with a bulldozer on my front lawn. Then, I'll find someone big to argue with. Sometimes my aggression and meanness surprises even me.

Of course, this is a side of me that most people, especially those in our payroll department, have never really noticed. But just wait until I walk in there tomorrow and yell directions at them.

On second thought; I won't do it during working hours. I wouldn't want to disrupt the office morale or the workflow. Besides, they've got enough on their plates.

Come to think of it, maybe I'll just take them a basket of muffins instead. Perhaps you could let them know how aggressive and mean I am? No rush though. Whenever you get a free moment would be just fine. Hey, I recognize that you are busy too….

I can be reached at TheOutdoorLife@aol.com

Some Herefords come call

BackofBeyond

Neil Campbell

THE THING cattle do best is calm. Whatever they are looking at, they have seen it all before and were bored by it the first time they saw it. At least that is how they look to me.

That's most of the time. On Sunday morning, two Hereford cows are having a hard time not giggling at the hysterics of The Brown Dog Jiggs, who is having a conniption right outside the cabin at Sapsucker Ridge.

Jiggs is alarmed and confused and indignant, all at the same time, because this is the first time he has seen cattle up close and he doesn't quite know what to make of them.

At first there are only two of them, dressed in their Sunday best, wiping the bleary out of my morning eyes with their splendid red coats and white faces.

And then, suddenly, there are 13 cattle sifting through my hardwoods, all the mothers in a red that softens to a light brown in the coats of their Charolais-cross offspring.

"Oh boy, oh boy, oh boy!" barks The Brown Dog and when they have had enough of that, they trot off toward the road a hundred yards away in pretend flight, not wanting to disrespect a dog while his owner is watching.

Then they loop back between my woodpiles and might be on the way to Deep Bay Road when their owner's voice turns them around again.

"Co-boss, co-boss, co-boss," Paul Walker calls, and they come to him like puppies. Paul will follow them home on his ATV, which isn't as easy as it sounds.

There is no Old Chisholm Trail over the hardwood hills and through the softwood swamps, no marked path between the ponds. It takes more than four hours to get back to a field just more than a mile away.

The Sapsucker 13 made their break through a bit of fence pushed down by a bear. Weary from their adventure, they rest comfortably, watching Paul repair the fence.

Though Sapsucker Ridge itself was never cleared for farming, I should not be surprised by seeing cattle here.

Thirty-five years ago, when I first came to the Ridge, I would step outdoors on an evening and hear the crashing and bellering of men and livestock on the run from some Deep Bay farm, though I never saw them.

Years later, in the early eighties, two young Limousin bulls escaped from the Allsop barnyard near the cemetery and came down my road. I never saw them either.

They got as far as Big Bob Lake, three miles from home, before they turned back. One of them spent almost two weeks on the lam before Ross Warburton, his owner, tempted him back into captivity with a cow.

Before that, back in the 50s, Tom Prentice helped his uncle, also Tom Prentice, drive his Aberdeen Angus cows from his farm on what is now the Fairgrounds to the old fields across the road from Sapsucker Ridge.

Those old fields still had fences and pasture that would last long enough for mothers to get over the loss of their calves, to stop bawling their hearts out. The move was a gift of peace and quiet to the village.Long before that, there must have been cattle there when those old fields were new, and people tending them, or there would be no fields.

No ruins of old barn foundations. No apple blossoms. No lilacs in June.

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Former engineer remembers Bigwin

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Ed Lehman remembers the Bigwin.

Lehman was an engineer on the steamboat during the summers of 1958 and 1959 and says he is happy the hotel ferry that he once helped to operate is being reconstructed.

The Lake of Bays Marine Museum and Navigation Society began the reconstruction project in 2002 and hopes to have the Bigwin back on the waters of Lake of Bays by the summer of 2010.

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Maple Lake resident Ed Lehman holds a picture of himself and another crewmember on the Bigwin steamboat, which is currently being reconstructed by the Lake of Bays Marine Museum and Navigation Society.

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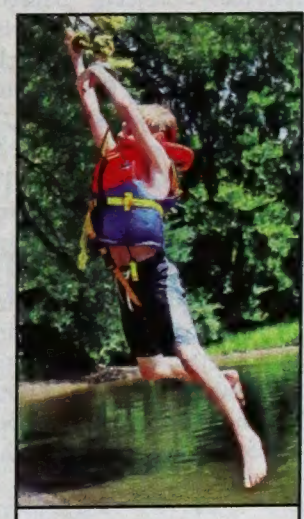

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Lehman once had jazz great Louis Armstrong as a passenger

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"I like the idea of what they're doing with it," Lehman said, seated in his Maple Lake home last week, with pictures of the Bigwin and the Bigwin Inn spread out on a table near his chesterfield.

During the summers he was 19 and 20 years old, Lehman spent a good deal of time below the deck of the Bigwin, operating the throttle on the massive diesel engine that powered the boat at that time.

"The captain did the steering and all that," Lehman said, explaining that his job was to put the boat into reverse, make it go faster, slower and so on.

The captain's orders were relayed to Lehman through the ringing of a bell and each required action was indicated by a distinct combination of rings.

"I can't remember them all now," Lehman said.

The days aboard the Bigwin were often long, as the ship's small crew carried passengers from Norway Point on the mainland to Bigwin Inn on Bigwin Island, as well as making trips to Dorset.

Lehman said the boat would make its first run of the day at 8 a.m., its last at midnight. It was about a 10-minute trip from the island to the shore and Lehman said the boat would leave the island on every hour and half-hour for 16 hours each day.

While this time was usually divided between Lehman and another engineer, "The odd time, if your partner needed some time off, you ended up putting in a full day," Lehman said.

He described the conditions below deck as "small, hot and cramped," and he worked for $150 a week, plus room and board.

He boarded in a room on the top floor of the Bigwin Inn's boathouse and recalls his time there with great fondness.

Lavish in style and grand in size, the Bigwin Inn was a summer playground for the wealthy during the mid-20th century.

Lehman especially recalls raucous dances at the resort's large, conical dancehall and pavilion, which at times hosted more than 1,000 people.

"The thing would just be shaking on its bloody foundation," he said with a grin.

Bigwin Inn hosted performances by world-famous musical acts in its heyday and Lehman said perhaps his favourite memory of his two summers working aboard the Bigwin was the night he met jazz legend Louis Armstrong.

"I shook his hand," Lehman said, adding that Armstrong had also brought with him a bottle of bourbon, which he shared with the other passengers on board on the way back to shore.

The Bigwin Inn no longer exists, the grounds it once stood upon now full mostly of luxury cottages. Lehman has given copies of his pictures from the summers of 1958 and 1959 to the Dorset museum.

Built in 1910, the Bigwin was originally called the Ella Marie, and was renamed the Bigwin when it was purchased by the inn in 1925. The boat carried passengers to and from Bigwin Island until about 1970.

The price tag for the reconstruction of the 22-metre, 25-ton vessel is nearing $800,000.

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September18	Final tax installment due
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Special thanks goes out to Penny and Bill Obee for organizing a very successful Minden 150 Bike Race on August 15, 2009.

The first Fair in Minden was held in 1864 and was believed to be held at the site of the present Fairgrounds. The President of the Fair Board, Samuel Peck, sold the property in or about 1876 to the Agricultural Society of Minden, Anson, Snowdon, Stanhope and Lutterworth. The Vice-President at that time was James Langton and Charles D. Curry was Secretary-Treasurer.

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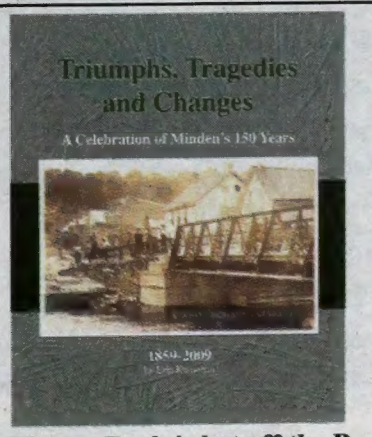

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Teachers essential for kindergarten, former instructors say

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olds attending classes on a daily basis, that would have been back before junior kindergarten was introduced.

"The kids now have had JK," she said, explaining she thought that one year of attending class every other day was enough time to get children accustomed to the school environment.

Both agreed though that it would be important to have a certified teacher in the classroom with students for the entire day, rather than leaving them in the care of a support worker, such as an educational assistant, for a portion of the day.

Calling it a "pie-in-the-sky idea," Powers said she would ideally like to see every kindergarten class outfitted with both a teacher and a support person to facilitate a more peaceful learning environment.

As part of his 2007 election campaign, Premier Dalton McGuinty offered the prospect of all-day kindergarten for Ontario students. That concept had new life breathed into it last week when the newly elected president of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, Sam Hammond, promised the union would be fighting to see all-day kindergarten become a reality.

"We have committed ourselves to aggressively advancing our position that students in junior and senior kindergarten deserve to have a full-day program taught by teachers," Hammond said in an August 20 press release. "We know that this is best for children and their learning. We know this is what parents want."

According to an August 17 press release, a poll conducted by Environics Research Group this summer showed that the "vast majority" of Ontarians want to see full-day kindergarten taught by certified teachers.

Nine-hundred Ontario adults were questioned for the poll between July 15 and 17, though the release did not say what percentage were in favour of full-day kindergarten.

If the change is made, Dawson believes there are other factors that will have to be looked at.

The curriculum further up the academic ladder would likely have to be changed as a result, she said, since presumably children, having attending class more often, would be further developed than they are now.

She said issues like classroom space and the effect the switch might have on daycare centres, especially in rural areas such as Haliburton County, should also be examined.

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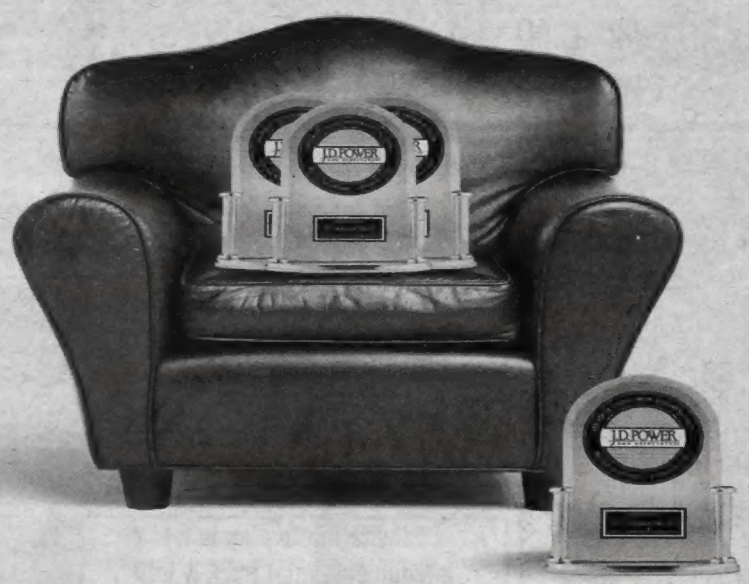

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Ride and help dialysis patients

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Area cyclists will have a chance to help out kidney dialysis patients at Lions Camp Dorset during Ride for Dialysis 2009.

The event will take place on Saturday, September 19 from 10 a.m. to noon starting at Lions Camp Dorset.

The camp was founded in 1978 by members of Dorset's Lions Club to act as a getaway for people with kidney disease.

The camp offers cabins, smaller, apartment-style units, as well as trailer sites, a 10,000-square-foot recreational centre and on-site medical facilities.

Its main sponsors are the Lions Family and the Kidney Foundation of Canada.

Ontario's health ministry pays a portion of dialysis and nursing costs.

Registration for the event is $20, or free with a contribution of more than $50 in pledges.

Free camping is available and for an additional cost, there will be a dinner and dance for those interested.

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Frost Institute summer camp 'greatest camp he'd ever been to'

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John is a 15-year-old Lochlin resident with special needs who was chosen by the institute to spend a week at camp, free of charge.

On the morning of August 21, John and a number of other teenagers gathered in the institute's art studio to do some printmaking, a process which involved painting a piece of Plexiglas with a pattern of one's choosing, putting the glass facedown on a piece of paper and using a roll to imprint the design onto the paper.

"I came here because everybody said it was an awesome camp," John said as he sketched the outline of a tree.

"Where's green?" he asked, searching the paints on the tabletop.

"Blue and yellow make green," one of the instructors said, and John got busy mixing the two colours together.

John said the camp's art classes were one of his favourite activities, along with swimming and bracelet making.

When John went to paint the trunk of his tree and found there was no brown paint, a number of his fellow campers helped him mix a number of colours together to achieve the earthy tone he was looking for.

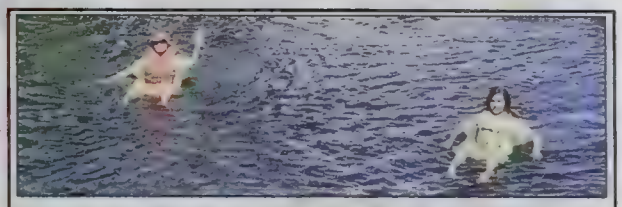
"I like your tree, John," one boy said.

John's mother, Arlene, said her son thoroughly enjoyed his week at camp and had been talking excitedly about it since his return home on Saturday.

"It was great because his sister has been going [to the institute's camp program] for three years," Arlene said. "He said it was the greatest camp he's ever been to and would like to go back again next year."

Arlene said John brought home some beautiful work and that he had made a number of friends during his stay.

Lochlin resident John Switzer works away on art project at the Frost Centre Institute last week. Switzer was handpicked by Wendy Aubry, wife of institute general manager Al Aubry, to spend a week in one of the institute's summer camp programs free of charge. /Photo by Chad Ingram



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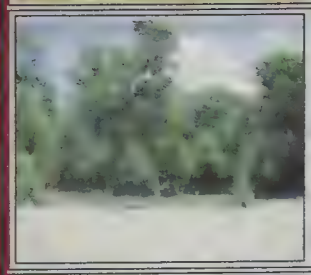

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Fun at the fair

Photos by Chad Ingram

Hundreds turned out for the 145th Haliburton County Fair at the Minden fairground this past weekend. The annual event featured animals, rides, food, vendors, entertainment and for the first time, Celebrity Pig Races.

Top left and below: A number of equestrian events took place throughout the weekend, featuring riders from Haliubrton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes.
Far left: The Clogging Grandmothers put their feet down as they entertained crowds on August 22.
Middle: No trip to the fair would be complete without a ride on the merry-go-round.

Georgia McAlpine was one of many children to go for a pony ride. There was also a petting zoo.

There were no shortage of performers at the country jamboree, which ran Saturday and Sunday.

Hydro One Networks Inc.

Request for Tender

Hydro One Networks Inc. invites qualified companies to submit a tender for Landscaping Work as part of a shoreline restoration project, at MINDEN just off Hwy 35 along the shore of Bushkong Lake, Ontario, Canada, all in accordance with Hydro One's Request for Tender (RFT).

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Left: It was clear the pigs had raced several times before, turning corners like pros.

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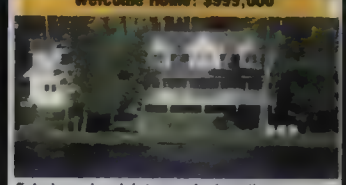

Fabulous level lot, sand shoreline, sunset exp., stunning 3 BR, 3 bath home with fireplace, gourmet kitchen and 2 storey, triple car garage.

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Commercial Zoned Home $449,800

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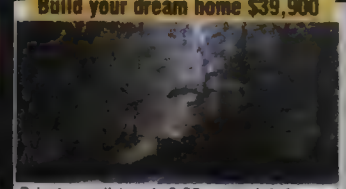

Private well-treed 2.28 acre lot located between Minden & Haliburton. Driveway in, building lot cleared.

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Charming 2 bedroom starter home in the village of Haliburton. Updated 4 pce bathroom, propane furnace and roof.

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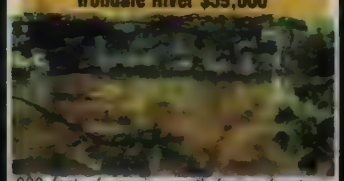
Lake Kashagawigamog $599,000

3 BR home in Ingoldsby featuring knotty cedar interior, stone FP, cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, 2 sunrms, studio, generator & 250' of shoreline with deep water docking system.

John Hincks 286-2138 x 27

Irondale River $59,000



900 feet of scenic, south-facing frontage on the beautiful Irondale River. Features fabulous deep swimming hole, driveway, services close by.

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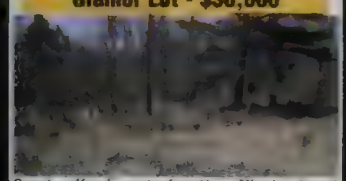
Glamor Lot - $30,000



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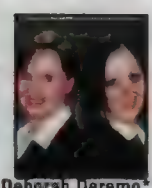

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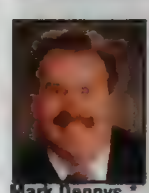

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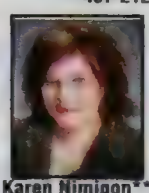

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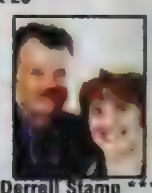

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Diane Peacock, left, and Catherine Coles were two of a small group of people helping to move the Minden Hills Library's collection of books from the old space to the new library building on August 24.

New Minden Hills Library to open its doors

Photos by Chad Ingram

Members of the county's library committee are busy this week moving the collection of books belonging to the Minden Hills Library from the old library space in the cultural centre to the new library building. After a long wait, the county's chief librarian Bessie Sullivan said she is hoping to see the new building open for September 1.

Construction on the 5,000-square-foot space began in 2007. It will hold more than 10,000 books and other resources.

Most of the new library's shelving units are waist-high, allowing for an expansive view of the building's main room.

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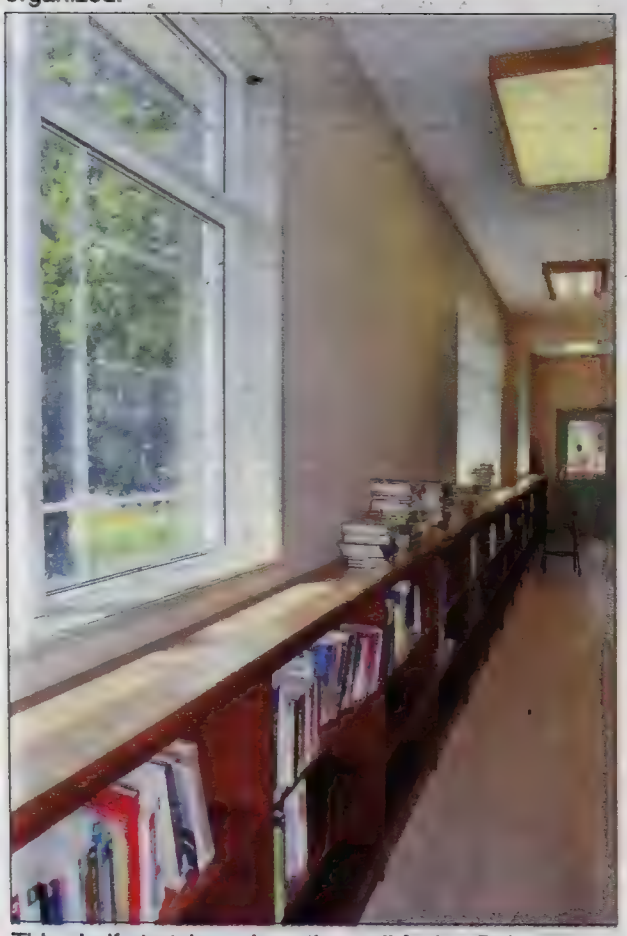
Volunteers are working meticulously this week to make sure the library's collection of books is perfectly organized.

Library staff were still waiting for circulaton desk materials to arrive earlier this week.



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The new library is located beside the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, between the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and R.D. Lawrence Place.

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Good turnout for SLACAR tourny

The South Lake Association of Cottagers and Residents (SLACAR) hosted its annual golf tournament recently at the Beaverbrook Golf Course. Despite the very hot sunny weather 38 golfers competed, cheered on by four spectators. The first place prizes (generously donated by Phyllis Brown) were won by the team of Bob & Jim Pollard, Bill Vandye, and Spin Kranz. Prizes were also awarded for the longest drive and the closest to the pin. All golfers went home with a few good stories and a prize. Many of the prizes were donated by lake association members and were greatly appreciated by the golfers.

Bob Pollard's team took first place in the South Lake Association of Cottagers and Renters' annual golf tournament which was attended by 38 golfers.

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Dorset book club to meet next week

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Meet and greet at the Dorset Library takes place on Wednesday, August 26 and is a Kids' Art and Crafts Show. All children are welcome to bring arts and crafts to the Library to be displayed. The items will be "judged" on August 26 at 1 p.m. for a prize in each of three age categories: two to five years, five to eight years and eight to 11 years.

For more information on this event or anything else about the library, contact Ruth at 766-9969 during library hours (Tuesday 4 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 2 to 4:30 p.m., Thursday 6 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.).

There will be a foot clinic at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, August 26. For more information or to book an appointment, call Fran Gower at 635-1229.

The last Moms and Tots Playgroup will take place on Friday, August 28 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. A big thank you is in order to Cheryl and Anna for leading playgroup for the last year. Good luck to Cheryl (and Anna) as they concentrate on other things for now.

On Wednesday, September 2 at 1 p.m., join the Dorset Book Club at the library. Book Club will be discussing the book Through Black Spruce by Joseph Boyden. All are welcome – no membership or library card required – although you can sign up for one while you're there!

The Dorset Recreation Centre has an employment opportunity to offer. There is a position opening up for a permanent year round part-time recreation attendant to work Saturdays and occasional call-in. Interested parties should submit their resume to the Dorset Recreation Centre by email to drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or my mail to Box 99, Dorset, Ontario, P0A 1E0 by August 31.

Special wishes for the week of August 23 to 29 go out to Trish Brooks, Sarah Alexander, Donald Radley, Tabetha Webb, Jessica Pulfrey and Marianne Drautz. Celebrate and have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

The Dorset Library will play host to a meeting of the Dorset Book Club on September 2.

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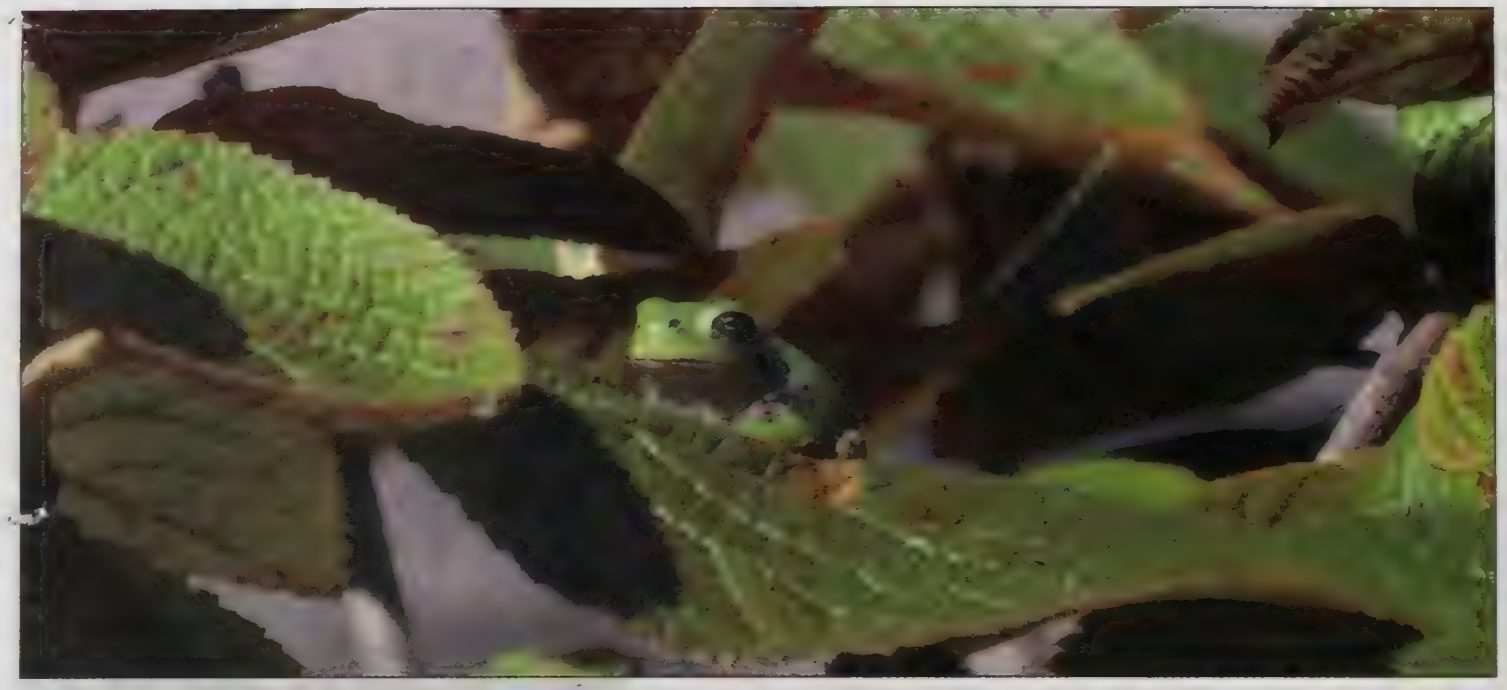

Gina Atkinson had a special guest lately when this tiny treefrog made itself at home on her property. / Photo by Gina Atkinson

Clearing the air on Carvarvon sign

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We had a little guest this week and since he spent the whole day with us I thought it only fitting that I share the experience. It was a wonder that we even saw him (or is it a she?) since this tiny tree frog wasn't any bigger than a dime.

Not everything that happens in our little Carnarvon is of the feel-good variety.

Chris, the owner of the Carnarvon Bowl would like to clarify an uncomfortable situation that occurred on his property. While the Carnarvon Bowl was closed certain individuals with nothing better to do altered his sign that was standing right at the lights of 118 and Hwy. 35 to read crude, racist and very derogatory remarks.

Since the Carnarvon Bowl was closed, irate people made repeated calls to that location and when they couldn't get hold of Chris they made calls to Eddie, owner of the Hub.

Even as the board was being cleared of all the insulting comments, Bev was being yelled at by people driving by!

Most people should realize that Chris and staff would never put such disgusting words on their sign. That it was definitely a form of vandalism.

For those of you responsible for this nonsense, please think of better things to do with your spare time and think twice before you cause unnecessary aggravation to hard working people!

Now back to good news!

The second Haliburton County Garlic Fest is this Saturday, August 29 between the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of the Carnarvon Bowl at the intersection of Hwy. 118 and Hwy. 35.

There will be many items for sale such as locally made jams, maple syrup, preserves, spreads, home baking and of course the star of the day, garlic!

Did I ever tell you how important garlic is in our kitchen? Thanks to Charlie Robb with his "yes you can policy," we have grown our garlic for a few years now and it's the best.

It will be an informative day with garlic braiding demos and also a chance to expand your garlic horizon with delicious recipe ideas.

Stink to some, perfume to others, garlic has been around for a long time for medicinal and culinary reasons. Find out for yourself.

This event is hosted by the Haliburton County Garlic Growers Association and sponsored by the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Need more info? Call Sheila Robb at 489-4201.

We are busy making plans for our garage sale and garden party happening here September 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring the kiddies – we have organized many fun things for them to do. Music, food, fun – all the makings of a great day!

If you have any information or greetings you would like me to include in this column, be sure to drop me a line.

Have a great week!

Golf fore the Cure Sponsorship

Representatives from Subaru are seen here presenting a cheque for $1,000 to help support the upcoming Golf fore the Cure Golf Tournament at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre August 30th. This special event is a fundraiser for breast cancer research. In the picture left to right are, Joe Felstein, District Sales Manager Central Region, Subaru Canada Gail Kivela, Pro Shop Manager, Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre Cynthia Romanyk, General Manager, Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre Ethel and Chales Muli, Minden Subaru owners.

Poppies give lift to HHHS

The Minden Legion donated $1,500 from its poppy fund last week to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services foundation to help pay for ceiling lifts the foundation had installed at health care sites in Minden and Haliburton earlier this year. Pictured are legion president Malcolm MacLean, foundation board chair Peter Oyler, foundation executive director Dale Walker and legion treasurer Georgina Parkes.

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SEALED TENDERS, on the forms supplied, will be received at the County Administration Building, Roads Department, 3 St. Germaine Street, Minden, Ont. until 11:00 AM Local time on Tuesday September 8, 2009.

For Further Detailed Information Roy Haig, Engineering Services Manager
(705) 286-1762
Email: rhaig@county.haliburton.on.ca

COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act* and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday September 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-037/09 & H-038/09
   Applicant: Gerald BROWN & Claudette THISTLE
   Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 10, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Snowdon
   Nature of the Application: New Lot

2. File No. H-039/09
   Applicant: Kathleen E. CONLAN, Janet E. FARRELL, Wendy J. HAMPSON
   Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 24, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Minden
   Nature of the Application: Lot Addition

3. File No. H-040/09
   Applicant: Kathleen E. CONLAN, Janet E. FARRELL, Wendy J. HAMPSON
   Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 24, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Minden
   Nature of the Application: New lot

4. File No. H-072/09
   Applicant: Paul & Eugenia REICH
   Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 25, Concession 4, Geographic Township of McClintock
   Nature of the Application: Right of Way

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 26th day of August, 2009.

Jane M. Tousaw, A.M.C.T.
Director of Planning
County of Haliburton
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P. O. 399
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
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Countdown to the Kinmount fair

AROUNDTHETOWN

Patti Fleury
488-2938 Fax: 488-1246
email: brucefleury@nexicom.net

After a busy travel week it's good to be back at the old farmhouse again. Mid-point found us at the Stratford Festival, an annual trek, disappointed and frankly perplexed by the non-traditional staging of *Macbeth* and then, thankfully, thrilled by the talent and energy of the *West Side Story* cast. A side trip to the town of Elora proved very fruitful. Visiting the Wellington County Museum, my husband Bruce found considerable material about the Fleury-Bissell company which merged back in 1938. The Fleury manufacturing of agricultural implements later moved from its historical Aurora location to the Bissell plant in Elora by 1946. Bissell Park now occupies the land below the dam where this large plant complex once stood before fire took its toll.

The Wellington County Museum, built in 1877 as the "House of Industry and Refuge," provided shelter for the "deserving poor, the aged and the homeless" for almost a century and was designated a National Historic Site in 1998. Today 12 galleries of quality exhibits located there include portrayals of the original first nations people, the early pioneer homestead, and the life of the Canadian soldier at the front in World War I from 1914 to 1918. This exhibit was of particular interest to me as my paternal grandfather was captured on the day before the battle at Ypres in 1915.The facility and its gardens are well worth a visit.

Kinmount Baptist Church presents Hymn Fest on Sunday, August 30 beginning with a barbeque at 6 p.m. followed by music groups at 7 p.m. In case of rain the evening will be held inside the church. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

As the Kinmount Fair weekend approaches here is an additional reminder from the Kinmount Legion. The summer Tuesday hot lunches continue to be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for only $6 and then from September 2 to 6 the Ladies Auxiliary will be offering a delicious breakfast from 7 - 11 a.m. at the Legion Hall.

Another popular event leading up to the Fair opening is the annual Monster Bingo sponsored by the Kinmount & District Lions Club on Thursday, September 3 in the arena on the fairgrounds starting at 7 p.m.

Kinmount Fair days are September 4, 5 and 6 with Friday, September 4 declared "children's day" with free admission for all preschool and elementary school children. On that same day at 2 p.m. in the Tea Garden at the Pioneer Complex, the ambassador pageant will be held and the Kinmount & District Lions Club Citizen of the Year announced. On Saturday, the Warrior's Day Parade proceeds into the fairgrounds around noon and a special Support our Troops booth will be set up by the Legion with historical displays of the Legion and its past and present forces along with items for sale in support of our troops. With the lengthy parade being marshalled and then proceeding along to the fairgrounds, traffic coming through Kinmount can face major delays during that period. Please note that there is a free off-ground parking lot on Reid Street with free shuttle bus service from there to the fair on Saturday and Sunday.

Again this year Kinmount United Church will coordinate a multi-faith service during the fair on Sunday, September 6 in front of the outdoor stage in the arena/ exhibit hall area beginning at 10 a.m. The theme will be "Heaven Declares the Glory of God" and participants will reflect the various local faith groups with special guests. Everyone is most welcome to attend. If the weather conditions are not suitable the service will be held in the Arena.

Children gather outside the Mardi Gras ride at the midway during last year's Kinmount fair.

The quilt draw in celebration of the 10th annniversary of the Kinmount Artisans Guild/Marketplace will take place on Labour Day. Visitors since the Victoria Day weekend have earned a free entry with a purchase totalling $10 or more. The first prize quilt was made and donated by member Barbara Leffering with a beautiful blue bowl by member potter Bernie Nicholson donated for second prize and a delightful handmade bear crafted by member Gail Angstenberger for third prize. There is still time to qualify before that Labour Day draw so do drop by and consider a gift for a friend or yourself.

This summer's Music in the Park series will wind up this Thursday, August 27 with popular local group Cass Marie and the Blackfeather Band as its final featured artists. The evening starts at 6:30 p.m. so bring along your lawn chair to the Picnic Pavilion in Austin Sawmill Heritage Park and enjoy a relaxing evening by the Burnt. On entering the Park please note the renovations underway to the Mill.

At the Kinmount Public Library free Internet access is available on Tuesdays from 4 to 8 p.m., Thursdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be increased library hours this fall so watch for further details. Our library is a busy place with a variety of great programs for preschoolers to adults.

Until next week....

Garage Sales

To advertise your garage sale, call Angela at 286-1288

GARAGE SALE
August 28 & 29
8am - 4pm
Rain or Shine
Prince Street
Minden
Lots for Everyone
Follow the Signs

Yard Sale
Saturday August 29th from 9 am to 12 noon
Gravel Pit Road, Ingoldbsy
Watch for signs
Lots of good stuff!!!
In memory of Barbara Walker, a former Ingoldsby resident who loved yard sales.
All proceeds benefit the Haliburton Highlands Health Service Foundation.

YARD SALE
Saturday, Aug 29
Sunday, Aug 30
9 am - 2 pm
Household Items
Bedroom Suite
Party Supply Liquidation
Birthday/Anniversary/ Wedding/ Christmas/ New Years/etc.
ROCK BOTTOM PRICES
1181 Peninsula Rd.

WORLD'S BEST GARAGE SALE
PART 2
AUGUST 29th
9am-2pm
• Household Items
• Furniture
• Tools
• Music
• DVDs
1774 Scotch Line Rd., Minden
63760427

400 Boshkung cottagers celebrate annual summer tradition

by SONNY AND JUNE GIBBONS
Special to the Times

The annual Boshkung Lake Property Owners' Association regatta was held Saturday, August 1 at the Matabanick Inn.

It was a great day! The unusually wet weather and cooler summer temperatures took the day off and allowed this event to come off with just a little a wind and plenty of sunshine for the 400 cottagers who attended.

As usual, the kids enjoyed the tattoos. The candy and the ice cream from the Candyman were some of the day's highlights. The ribbons awarded for the events will be cherished and displayed proudly at their cottages, along with all the other previous years, as, in many cases, their parents displayed theirs years before.

In the 10 years my husband and I have been involved with the organization of the regatta, we have seen the children grow into young adults and teens. This has not altered the effect this has had on the day. They still come out to meet and greet their friends, participate in the events wholeheartedly and those that have themselves become parents, carry on this tradition by bringing the new generation to experience what they have come to appreciate and enjoy.

This scenario is unique. It has been happening many, many years, long before I knew of Boshkung Lake and I know it will continue because of the enthusiasm of the special people fortunate to call Boshkung Lake their home or summer home.

A special thanks goes to all the local businesses that donate prizes in support of this annual event and to the hospitality of the Archers at the Matabanick. We continue to have a very successful day with help from the many volunteers. Thanks to all of you!

As our term comes to an end, it has been our pleasure to serve as your convenors. We extend our congratulations to the new committee taking over this role, and wish them every success as they continue "the tradition."

'Til we meet again, June and Sonny Gibbons

Horseshoes was just one of the events held at the Boshkung Lake regatta on August 1.

Boshkung Regatta results for August 1, 2009

Boys 5-7 10 yard swim:
Paul Turner, Kolby Archer, Tim Turner
Girls 7-8 Ball toss:
Emily Lewis, Leanne Gilmour, Taylor Saville
Boys -4 Boat race:
Will Halter, Landon Connelly, Colton Wallace, Graham Berry
Girls 5-7 10 yard swim:
Leanne Gilmour, Taylor Saville, Jenna Colucci
Boys 7-8 Ball toss:
Paul Turner, Alex Dobbin, Trevor Turner
Girls -4 Boat race:
Devon Feeney, Josephine Mason-Woodcock, Ireland Feeney
Girls 5-7 Underwater swim:
Taylor Saville, Leanne Gilmour, Ashley Buttery, Jenna Colucci
Boys -4 Pick-up-sticks:
Landon Connelly, Colton Wallace, Nate Fleming
Girls 11-13 25 yard swim:
Julia Fedeski, Emily Vignola, Bryn Allan, Charlene Hicks, Karson Lewis
Boys 8-10 25 yard swim:
Luke Ashenden, Trevor Turner, Everett Boisvert, Parker Lantz
Boys 5-6 Ball toss:
Eric Lewis, Cole Nip, Cayden Connelly, Kolby Archer
Girls -4 Ball toss:
Devon Feeney, Chiara Fleming, Ireland Feeney, Charlotte Buttery
Boys 5-7 Underwater swim:
Tim Turner, Eric Lewis, Cole Nip, Paul Turner, Mark Gilmour
Girls -4 Pick-up-sticks:
Charlotte Buttery, Chiara Fleming
Girls 8-10 25 yard swim:
Skye Nip, Emily Lewis, Emma Hartog, Raegan Allan
Boys -4 Ball toss:
Lukas Schmid, Landon Connelly, Will Halter, Nate Fleming, Josh Fleming
Boys 11-13 Underwater swim:
BJ Archer, Clayton Lewis, Joel Fedeski
Girls 11-13 Underwater swim:
Laura Jones, Emily Vignola, Charlene Hicks
Girls 5-6 Ball toss:
Jenna Colucci, Elise Boisvert
Boys 8-10 Underwater swim:
Lorne Given, Trevor Turner, Cameron Allan
Boys 14-16 Underwater swim:
Jake Hone, Alex Hone
Girls 8 –10 Frisbee toss:
Jessica Dobbin, Emma Hertog, Emily Lewis, Skye Nip, Abby Zedic
Boys 14-16 25 yard swim:
Tyler Wood, Alex Hone, Jake Hone
Girls 14-16 25 yard swim:
Ali Hicks, Brigitta Hicks, D'Arcy Dykeman, Mikaela Charlebois
Boys 11-13 25 yard swim:
Kyle Woods, BJ Archer, Cole Lewis
Girls 14-16 Underwater swim:
Ali Hicks, Brigitta Hicks, D'Arcy Dykeman
Girls 8-10 Underwater swim:
Abby Zedic, Skye Nip, Emily Lewis, Raegan Allan
Boys 8-10 Frisbee toss:
Trevor Turner, Lorne Given, Cameron Allan
Boys and Girls -12 Tube relay:
Emma Hortog, MadisonLantz, Skye Nip, Christa Hortog, Karson Lewis, Gracie Reeve, Charlene Hicks, Clayton Lewis, Cole Nip, Emily Vignola, Cole Lewis, Samantha Reeve
Boys and Girls open tube relay:
Devon Keys, Mikaela Charlebois, Cam Cherry, Luke Jensen, Craig Anderson, Grant Holliday, Austin Dies, Whitney Hughes, John Pawson, Kyle Toth, Tyler Wood, Laura Bamsey
Women open shoe kick:
Samantha MacDonald, Nicole Connelly, Wendy Browne
Women -35 Nail hammering:
Laura Perrotti, Jocelyn Butler, Abby McRae
Women 35-59 Nail hammering:
Barb Jones, Alexandra Dobbin, Jenny Pimek
All Balloon toss:
Mark Charlebois, Brenda Lantz, Nick Schlotter, Donny Lantz
Men -35 Nail hammering:
Mark Charlebois, Nick Schlotter, Luke Jensen
Horseshoes:
Jeffery Woods, Ross Davidson, Patrick Cowdrey, Murray Woods, Peter Mason, Doug Cowdrey tied Ross Nip and Kirk Seeley

Career & Business Opportunities

Haliburton Highlands
CHAMBER of COMMERCE

Want to make a difference in your community?
The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is currently seeking to fill 4-6 volunteer Board of Director positions, to compliment our current Board of Directors.

Interested applicants would be appreciated, but are not limited to the following business sectors.

Real Estate
Contractors
Government
Healthcare
Tourism
Education
Media
Legal
Associations

We are looking for volunteers who:

* Are community minded with an interest in local businesses
* Possess leadership qualities and are unbiased
* Have previous experience with a board (an asset but not mandatory)
* Can commit to a minimum of one meeting a month
* Can commit to a minimum of a two year term
* Are creative thinkers with fresh idea's

Resumes will be reviewed by the Board of Directors. Thereafter a motion to approve the Board of Slate will be presented at the AGM in September upon a vote of the attending members.

(Interested applicants must be a Chamber Member who is in good standing)

If you think you are a good candidate for a position, please send your resume by August 31, 2009 to:

Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 147
Minden, Ontario
K0M 2K0
Tel: 705-286-1760 Fax: 705-286-6016
Email: admin@hhchamber.on.ca

Coming Events

To advertise your upcoming event, call Molly at 286-1288

Interested in Becoming a Master Gardener?

The Haliburton Master Group is looking for people interested in gardening. People who wish to increase their knowledge of gardening and share it with others. If this is you, you are invited to join us on Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community room at the O.P.P. building to find out all about it.

Contact Pauline at 286-1590 with any questions.

CHOREOGRAPHED BALLROOM LESSONS & DANCING

Starting Thurs. Sept. 10, 09

At J.D. Hodgson School Gym

Thursdays:
7-8 PM Beginners two-step
8-9 PM Advanced Waltz, Foxtrot, Jive, and Latin

Cost: Exercise and soft soled shoes
Rewards: Many
Leaders: Bonnie & Dave Mowat

8 week Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Program

To introduce mindfulness practice as a way of better coping with symptoms of stress, anxiety, chronic illness and pain and everyday demands of life. Mindfulness promotes greater balance, control and fuller participation in life.

Cost: $160.00
Time: Wednesdays, September 16 to Nov. 4th from 7-9 pm.
Place: Blue Sky Yoga Studio, Haliburton

Please call Ellen King for more information or to register @ 286-2489

Members, guests, and friends of Community Living Haliburton County are invited to join us for our annual reporting of operations, finances, and highlights for the operating year 2008-09 at our

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, September 29, 2009
7:00 p.m.
United Church of Haliburton Fellowship Room

Enjoy the opportunity to meet new people and renew old friendships. Light refreshments will be served following the meeting. Remember to renew your membership to ensure your voting privileges. New members are welcome.

For more information regarding the meeting, Community Living Haliburton County, or volunteering please call 705-457-2626

Zion United Church - Carnarvon

"Your Community Church"

Saturday, August 22nd, 2009
at 5:00 p.m.

BBQ & STREET DANCE

A Great Night of Entertainment
Featuring
Gord Kidd & The 50/50 Band
Admission: $10/pp/$20 per family
Beef on a bun • Salads • Fresh popcorn

Zion Church - Your Community Church in Action

Coffee / Tea & Goodies
after Sunday Services
Come Join Us - All Welcome

WINTERGREEN

WINTERGREEN PANCAKE BARN

Peach Social

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sat. Aug. 22, Sun. Aug. 23
Sat. Aug. 29 to Sun. Aug. 30
Sat. Sept. 5 to Sun. Sept. 6

- Wintergreen creates fresh fruit delights with real whipped cream topped with maple syrup and of course fresh peaches
- Come on over and taste test our BBQ sauces, Jams, Jellies, Mustards, fruit syrups and homemade preserves
- Join us for fresh baked peach pies or take one home frozen and bake it yourself. Phone to reserve 10 inch pies
- Have your cake and experience it too...crepes, French toast, pancakes, sausages, maple baked beans, angelfood cake, sundaes and banana splits, milkshakes or smoothies made with fresh peaches

Calendar of Events available. Call at any time to purchase retail products...cash or cheque only.

Wintergreen Pancake Barn
#3325 Gelert Road in Gelert
Call 286-3202

★A musical performance by Katherine Wheatley (Folk Society Presentation) Sun., Sept 6th at 8 p.m. performance at 8 p.m.

★Benefit BBQ for H.A.V.E. (Help a Village Effort) at Wintergreen Pancake Barn on Sat., Sept. 12... please reserve by calling 286-3202 (tickets $20.00 each...meal and entertainment)

Also featuring...Boat Smart Exam Facility Centre at Wintergreen...by appt. only...call Paul Morin at 286-4360...deadline September 15th.

12 Annual KASH DASH

Saturday, August 29th

Wigamog Inn, Haliburton

10K Road Run 4PM
1K Kids Fun Run 3PM

Registration On Line
www.cpar.ca

Registration Forms/Pledge Sheets at:
Haliburton Family Medical Centre
Same Day Registration at Wigamog

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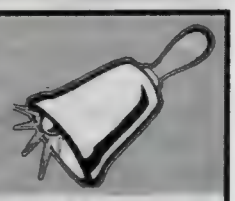
TO HELL WITH THE BELL, 2009



Haliburton Unit of RTO will be holding its fifth annual

To Hell With the Bell Luncheon

On the first day of school Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 12 p.m. at the Pepper Mill Steak & Pasta House on Highway 35

All R.T.O. Members, Retired Teachers and Guests are welcome

Haliburton Unit members will be telephoned.

Call Nick Pawluch at (705) 286-1562
Or Marg Valentine at (705) 454-3451
For reservations before September 2nd

Menu: Hot and Cold Buffet
All Inclusive price is $20

Coming Events

To advertise your upcoming event, call Molly at 457-1037

Kash Dashing

The 12th annual Kash Dash is set for Saturday, August 29. See ad on page 26 for details.

Left: Terri Matthews and her three-year-old daughter Annie Merrifield run in the one kilometre kids' race last year.

Motorcycle Poker Ride Into Fall

Saturday, September 12th

9:30 - 10:30am Registration/Pledges/Poker Card/Refreshments
Minden Community Centre, Minden, ON
200 km Ride in the Haliburton Highlands & Beyond
$25 Biker/$15 Rider
($3.00 Per Person & Registration is FREE)
RIDE, DINNER & PRIZES

For more information contact the HHHS Foundation at
705-457-1580/705-286-1580
email us at foundation@hhhs.on.ca

A Foundation For The Health Of The Highlands

community calendar

What's happening in the County

Having an event this summer? List it for free in our Summer Guide! 2009SummerGuide@gmail.com

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or to the UR Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

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AUGUST 26: PEDAL YOUR ARTS, TOUR du VILLAGE - Presented by Yours Outdoors. Visit the studios of Haliburton County artists while enjoying the beauty of the Highlands from your bike. 10 km cycling tour along the scenic back roads of the Haliburton Village. We'll stop to visit artist studios, watch demonstrations and explore natural and cultural features. Original works of art will be on display. A tasty lunch is provided. 1 week advanced registration please. For more information call Barrie Martin at 705-754-3436 or email info@yoursoutdoors.ca

AUGUST 27: CRUISE-IN WITH THE HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS TIME TRAVELLERS - Held at the Kawartha Dairy Minden. Come take a trip down memory lane. Some of the most exceptionally restored cars from the past. Share their stories and precious piece of the past or register your own classic car, all cars welcome 25 years or older. Starts mid June to Labour Day 6:30 p.m.-dusk.

AUGUST 27: ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 129 HALIBURTON LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING AND SOCIAL – Join us at 6:30 pm for the social and 7 pm for the meeting. Please plan to attend.

AUGUST 28 – AUGUST 30: HALIBURTON ROCKS - Presented by Yours Outdoors. Explore the rich mineral deposits, unique geological features and rugged landscapes of the Haliburton Highlands while enjoying great hospitality and fine folk. Your two night/three day itinerary includes a hike to world class undisturbed sites of unique minerals and crystals, a search for the Harburn Wells, mineral collecting and a visit to the studio of a rock artist. For more information contact Barrie Martin at 705-754-3436 or email info@yoursoutdoors.ca

AUGUST 28: NORTHLAND FAITH CHURCH IS INVITING YOU TO A CORN ROAST AND OUTDOOR THEATRE –Join us at 7pm at the Lochlin Community Centre, 4713 Gelert Road (County Rd 1) Movie is "End of the Spear" (PG-13). Bring your lawn chair. For further information phone 286-3805.

AUGUST 29: HALIBURTON COUNTY GARLIC FESTIVAL - Supported by the Haliburton County Farmers' Association. Join us for our 2nd annual garlic festival featuring locally grown garlic, garlic preserves, braiding demonstrations, recipes, local jams and honeys, preserves and artisans. 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Junction of Highways 118 and 35 beside Carnarvon Bowl. For more information contact Sheila Robb at 705-489-4201 or email sheila.robb@sympatico.ca

AUGUST 29: SLACAR ANNUAL CORN ROAST – Join us at 1pm, for details call Patti Prentice 286-2092

AUGUST 29: HHWEN BREAKFAST - with guest speaker Children's author, Ted Staunton, will address members of the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network; 9:00 - 11:30 a.m., Dominion Hotel, downtown Minden. Everyone welcome; additional admission charged ($3 Members; $5 Non-Members.) Call Kay at 286-6635.

AUGUST 30: HIGHLANDS OPERA STUDIO – DIE FLEDERMAUS - Presented by the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, the members of the Highlands Opera Studio present the three act comedic operetta Die Fledermaus. This delightful Strauss musical will feature a chorus from the community. For more information contact 705-457-9933 or email tickets@highlandssummerfestival.on.ca.

DON'T FORGET THE HALIBURTON FARMERS MARKET IS ON FRIDAYS FROM 3-7 pm.
BUY LOCAL, FRESH FOOD. A GREAT START TO THE WEEKEND!
LOCATED AT ROBERTS MARINA, BESIDE TIM BR MART IN HALIBURTON

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis.** While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca., or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca.or brought in to the office.
Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

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Auctions A120

BOAT & RV AUCTION
WANTED!!! BOATS, RV's, WATERCRAFT ATV's, MOTOR HOMES, CAMPING TRAILERS, 4X4's & RECREATION TOOLS and MARINE RELATED EQUIP, for OUR ANNUAL SUMMER ROUND UP!!! BOAT & RV SALE!!!
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29th 10am SHARP
TO BE HELD AT **THE MABEE AUCTION CENTRE** on HWY 35, 1 mile north of ROSEDALE or 7km south of COBOCONK. #5933, 15 min north of Lindsay. Book your Items EARLY!!!
Consignments WELCOME Daily **TURN your unwanted EQUIP into $$$ CASH $$$**
DEADLINE for Consignments Fri, August 28th 8 pm,
DON'T !! MISS IT !!! CALL >>>
CALVIN MABEE AUCTIONEER at 705-454-2431 or 705-454-2841 Cell 705-340-0525
ALWAYS A GOOD VARIETY SEE YA THERE !!!
NOTE !! LISTING TO FOLLOW

Cottages A730

ATTENTION COTTAGE OWNERS - We are looking for cottages for the summer of 2010. Let us show you how to turn your empty cottage in to cash. 705-457-1754. www.haliburtoncottagerental.com

Apartments Unfurnished A610

Look What's NEW!

2 BDRM 900 sq. ft. Maple Lake area. 2 entrances. deck off main bdrm. Basic satellite heat & hydro incl. Ref.s req.d, no smoking, no pets. First /last. $825 mth. 705-754-9732
11635939

Houses A650

House for rent Unfurnished 2 bdrm., 1.5 bath House. Fireplace. Standard electric heating.. Lakefront property. 10 min. from Haliburton. No pets. Non-smoker. Available September, 2009. 1200/mo., First/Last deposit. Call 705-457-9460, leave message
11607474

Vacation Travel

WINTERIZED COTTAGE FOR RENT 2 BEDROOM CALL 489-2050
11626637

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Employment Education

General Employment A800

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Drivers Wanted - Early morning Delivery of the Toronto Star news paper 7 days a wk in the Kinmount, Gooderham, Wilberforce area. For more info please call Ron 705-878-8220
11620194

General Employment A800

Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents

Part-Time Finance Supervisor

Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents is seeking an affable finance supervisor with a strong background in finance/accounting and strong attention to detail.

This position will:
- Ensure timely and accurate financial reporting to a wide range of funders
- Develop and monitor annual budget
- Prepare Monthly Financial Statements
- Oversee and participate in payroll and bank reconciliation
- Ensure up to date and accurate financial systems

Qualifications:
- Knowledge of current legislative reporting regulations and accounting practices
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Anniversaries

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Deaths

REYNOLDS, Marie - Passed away suddenly at the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Wednesday, August 19, 2009. At the age of 82. Beloved wife of the late Morgan Reynolds (1999). Fondly remembered by Audrey and Larry Reynolds and family, Lyle and Arvada Reynolds and family, Sheila Morrison-Reynolds and family, Ross and Dorothy Walker and family, Doreen and Grenville Harrison and family, Irma Walker and family, and by her many neighbours and friends. In accordance with Marie's wishes, cremation has taken place and both Marie and Morgan's cremated remains were interred at the Minden Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Minden Health Care Auxiliary would be appreciated and can be arranged through the **GORDAN A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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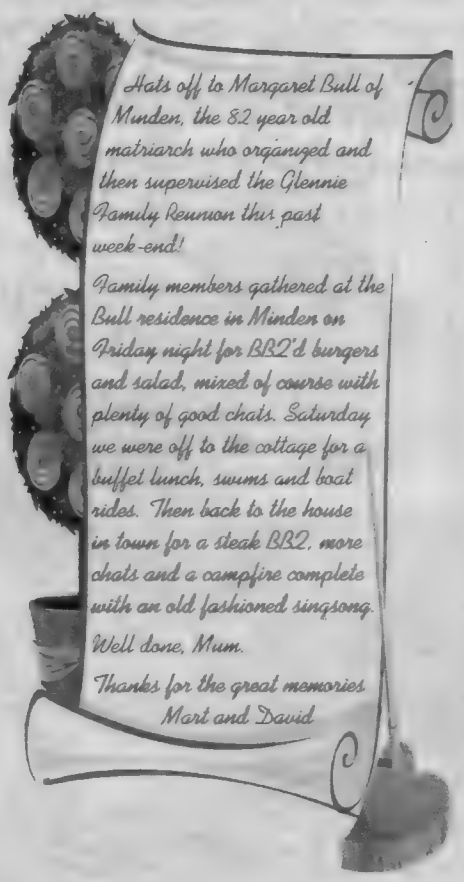

Hats off to Margaret Bull of Minden, the 82 year old matriarch who organized and then supervised the Glennie Family Reunion thur past week-end!

Family members gathered at the Bull residence in Minden on Friday night for BBQ'd burgers and salad, mixed of course with plenty of good chats. Saturday we were off to the cottage for a buffet lunch, swims and boat rides. Then back to the house in town for a steak BBQ, more chats and a campfire complete with an old fashioned singsong.

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RD Lawrence Place gets creative

Robert Bateman contributes a print to silent auction

Story by Pauline Johnson

J.D. Salinger once compared writing to working down a mine. It's hard work, but for every vein of ore that gets played out, a new one is discovered.

Haliburton County is the poster region for discoveries. People share so much – an appreciation for the natural beauty of our habitat; volunteer and community spirit; generosity and a love of history and storytelling. To see that, one has only to note the plethora of history books and historical plays being avidly read and viewed by locals, seasonal visitors and tourists alike.

History and storytelling are fun and we have no shortage of troubadours willing to enlighten us. Perhaps the most fun though comes from personal discoveries, a chance conversation revealing a wealth of detail. Such information came my way while speaking to artistic donors for the Summertime Silent Auction at R.D. Lawrence Place.

On a visit to Wolf Hollow, the late Ron and Sharon Lawrence's Gooderham retreat, painter Robert Bateman (left) pauses at the wolf enclosure with Ron to visit with the Lawrences' wolves.

June Stewart, wife of the late artist James Stewart, revealed that her grandfather, Charles Hall, was a Toronto artist who used to paint the mayors of Toronto. These paintings hung in the old City Hall. She showed me an oil painting of his, depicting two fishermen, on her wall. Most eye-catching was their dress. They both wore fedoras and one gentleman was dressed in a suit. Pretty natty dressing to go fishing, but an interesting view of the times, the mid 1800s.

James Stewart was known as The Butterfly Man. He included real butterflies in his more whimsical creations, some of them endangered species. However,

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The movie that almost was – Sean Connery as Ron Lawrence

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he was quick to point out that he purchased these butterflies from a breeder in London so they were actually propagating the species. These butterfly works are enchanting and June Stewart donated a beautiful one to the auction along with another painting depicting a church on a point during a storm.

Sharon Lawrence and Karen Sloan pose with one of Sloan's lilac paintings, a donation to the Summertime Silent Auction at R.D. Lawrence Place. They shared garden tips and stories at Sloan's Wall Flower Studio on Hawk Lake Road.

One of the most renowned artists of the region is Robert Bateman who has a cottage on Boshkung Lake. Sharon Lawrence fondly remembers a visit from him and his family to Wolf Hollow, in December of 1991. The Bateman cottage was a central point for his family to get together for Christmas. While there, Bateman wanted to visit Ron and Sharon Lawrence and see their wolves so he could paint them.

R.D. Lawrence had spent a lot of time in British Columbia where Bateman lives. *The North Runner*, set in the mountains of B.C., was one of Lawrence's most popular books. It was once optioned by Disney Studios and Sean Connery was to play the part of Ron Lawrence. However, the movie was never made, due to difficulties in finding a half wolf, half dog to play the role of Yukon.

Sharon pointed out that Bateman had long been a fan of Ron's books. "Although he painted with a brush and Ron created pictures with words, creatively they had a lot in common, including their respect for the natural world and its living creatures," she said. Bateman has donated a print to the Summertime Silent Auction.

Another local artist, Karen Sloan, moved to Algonquin Highlands in 2004. She says, "I like the fact that there are so many creative people here. Even though I tend to keep to myself, artistically speaking, the fact that there are many pursuits for artists such as drama, theatre, writing, painting, pottery, etc. makes me know that I've ended up living in the right place."

Sloan has made a name for herself with shows at Ontario galleries. Often associated with her stunning paintings of lilacs, inspired by her grandfather's garden, she is a generous supporter of the artistic community. "Enjoying the artistic process is where my true success lies," she says.

Paper maché is a new medium for Sloan as she demonstrates that artistry and ecology go hand in hand. "Lots of fun, and it's a nice alternative working in 3D as opposed to a flat canvas. But on a more serious level, I've saved a ton of plastic bags, newspapers and other things from ending up in the landfill since all the things I make are stuffed with those things when I'm creating the shapes before papering and painting. It appeals to my ecological sensibilities," she says.

"The garden has always been a mainstay for me. It's like a living canvas! It provides more pleasure than any other artistic pursuit of mine. Now that I'm selling different varieties of organic seeds, I'm realizing that a garden/seed/herb type business is going to develop into a large segment of what Wall Flower Studio is."

One thing has not changed over the years. In Haliburton, we appreciate our natural habitat as a source of sustenance and inspiration. It would please R.D. Lawrence to know that we are fast becoming true "green" conservers of our natural heritage.

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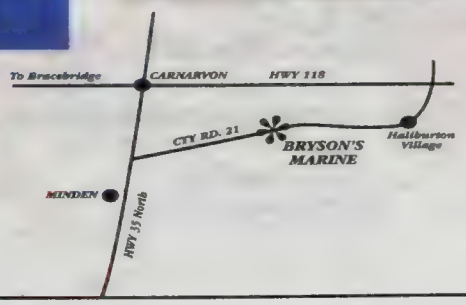

Bear of an editor settles score

Awkward Moments
Column by Jenn Watt
Photos by
Martha Perkins

Sent to investigate a bear problem at Halls Lake, Steve Galea and Jenn Watt discover a can of fire water instead. Drinking it made them act like garden gnomes.

Steve Galea and I knew we were moving up in the world of reportage when *Cottage Times* editor Martha (aka Parsimonious) Perkins told us we were doing a serious, investigative piece this week.

"There are bear problems in Algonquin Highlands. Our own reporter, Chad Ingram, was brutally mauled by a black bear just last week. We must avenge his lost dignity with a thoroughly slanderous article about the bear who did this," Perkins said.

Instructions from the Perkinator aren't usually so maliciously motivated – more typically we are to write endless puff pieces on her beauty or charm – but this week she felt personally affronted by the gall of a bear to take on Chad and the tasty chocolate cake he had stashed in his cottage.

"But Martha, Chad wasn't mauled by the bear. He saw the bear, but it left him alone," I said, knowing how useless argument was but trying to protect the integrity of my fellow reporter.

"Silence!" she ordered. "You both will go to Chad's cottage on Halls Lake, find that bear and take it down!"

Galea, of course, thought this was just another ploy by Parsimonious Perkins to reduce staffing costs by having one of us "tragically" killed by a wild bear, but I knew better.

This was personal.

In the *Cottage Times* office, there is legend that 50 years ago, when Perkins was just a young reporter, she was betrayed by a bear.

It was back in the wild and adventurous 1960s when Perkins was just beginning to experiment with the potent hallucinogenic properties of cough drops. Martha, high on winter mint menthol lozenges, stumbled into a bear's cave while attempting to track a moose on her one and only hunting adventure.

Perhaps because the bear was deep in its winter sleep, it mistook Martha for a bear cub, and wrapped its warm, furry arms around her shoulders and whispered sweet nothings in her ear.

According to lore, while the bear was actually saying "grumble, grr, snort," Martha heard "come to the land of bear, where we will frolic and eat berries all day and dance all night."

When she woke the next morning, the bear was gone, and Perkins was alone. She has never forgiven the bear for that night.

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Arriving at Chad's cottage Wednesday afternoon, we found the property deserted except for many small garden

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gnomes in various positions of contentment.

"I don't see a bear here," Galea said, his voice quivering. "I say we scram!"

"You're not afraid of a silly old bear, are you?" I said, surveying the waterfront property for a fine place to sleep.

"I say we just settle in, put out a tray of cheese and wait for the bear to come. Once it's here, you wrestle it to the ground, tie up its feet and hands and then we'll subject it to interrogation until it gives up where the rest of Chad's chocolate cake is stashed," I said.

Steve agreed to this proposition, probably because it meant he got to eat cheese and snooze under the shade of the tree. While we were waiting, we happened upon a tin labeled "fire water." Assuming this meant moonshine, we drank from the tin until we were both dizzy with the effects of pretending to be intoxicated off pond water.

Staggering around the property singing 100 Bottles of Beer on the Wall, overly slurring our words for effect, we heard something markedly unslurred. It was a deep growl coming from the bushes. "Did you hear that?" Steve said, annunciating clearly.

"Oh God, I did! It's the bear! What do we do? Quick, grab the rope!" I said as I ran to the cottage.

Steve ran past me through the door, body-checking me to the ground. I managed to squeeze through the door at the last minute before he slammed it shut and locked it three times. We peered through the lace curtains to the front lawn and saw something lumbering across the grass. It was hairy all over, scratching itself and growling. It sniffed the air and then focused its blue eyes on us, peering at it through the window.

"Arg!" it roared and raced to the screened in porch, throwing its massive paws against the door.

Steve leapt into my arms and began crying like an even smaller child.

"Jenn! Don't let it eat me!" he bawled. "I'm too good looking to die!"

"We need to find Chad," I said. "Chad! Chad! We need your help! Where are you?" I yelled.

"I'm right here," the bear said.

"Chad's been eaten by the bear!" Steve cried out and then ran to hide under the bed.

"No I haven't," he said, "I just don't have a shirt on."

After some careful examination through the door, we realized that yes, indeed, it was Chad and we let him back in his cottage. Over the platter of cheese, we discussed how to catch the bear for Martha, but realized we probably couldn't wrestle it to the ground, noting how shaken Steve was.

So we faked it.

Using wooden bear cutouts from Chad's front lawn, Steve and I fearlessly wrestled the complacent bear and its cub for the camera.

We even snipped a piece of Steve's chest hair to trick Perkins into thinking we brought back a piece of the bear. We returned to the office, a little concerned Perkins would realize our lie. But we needn't have worried; the chest hair did the trick.

"Oh, my long lost love," she cried, bringing the "fur" up to her nose and breathing deeply.

"Thank you Steve and Jenn for avenging my, I mean Chad's, bruised ego," she said.

Walking back down to our broom closet together I eyed Steve, who seemed a little too quiet.

"Why do you think she so easily accepted your chest hair for the fur of a bear?" I asked. "Was that you out in the woods that cold winter night 50 years ago?"

"Preposterous!" he snorted. "Now if you don't mind I'm going to the landfill for a bite to eat," he said.

Watt and Galea hope Parsimonious Perkins will be fooled into believing they wrestled real bears to the ground to exact her revenge.

Is another bear trying to get into Chad Ingram's cottage? No, wait. Could that be Chad himself?

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Guide introduces readers to county's history, attractions

Review by Jenn Watt

Michael Barnes's latest book, *Haliburton in Highland Ontario*, is at once a tourist brochure and a history book.

Released earlier this year, the 155-page paperback takes the reader from the early years with the First Nations to the present in the first 43 pages, dedicating the other hundred pages or so to the wonders and attractions that currently exist in the Highlands.

Barnes divides this second part of the book into a mix of tour guide and civic education lesson – he breaks up the county by municipality and then further divides it by interest.

Haliburton Forest, the arts, where to eat, where to stay, the outdoors, services, the OPP and businesses each get a chapter.

He also takes the reader on road trips around the county, starting at easily accessible central locations and venturing to interesting cultural sites such as the Essonville Church, Snowdon Park and Hawk Lake Log Chute.

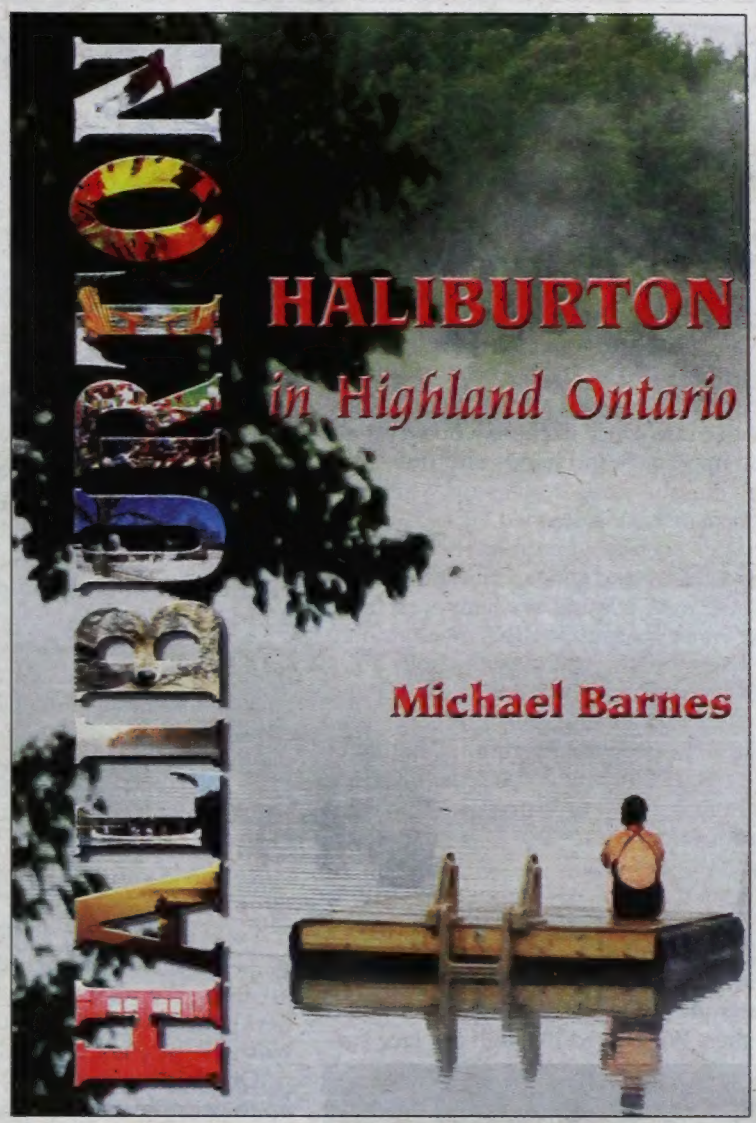
While Barnes, as a writer, has a pleasant tone and writes clearly and concisely, the structure and purpose of the book are much less clear.

There doesn't seem to be a defined goal for the book, as it tries to be all things to all people. It is at once a history book (though it is not comprehensive enough to fully actualize this task), a business directory (though it only profiles seven businesses), and a tourist brochure.

The history portion is also confusing as the photos don't seem to correspond to the text and one has to flip forward and back to see the images that go with the storyline.

It is also curious that the author chooses only seven businesses to profile and includes an entire chapter on the local police.

Barnes's book should perhaps be seen as a primer on the Highlands. Certainly, if you read it from beginning to end you will know a little bit about a lot of things and that is a good place for a newbie to Haliburton County to start.



Michael Barnes has written several other books about Haliburton. This one is designed as a destination guide, filled with information about the county's rich past, present and future.

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Sharon Lynch's pottery show enlivens Art Hive

If you enjoy looking at colourful works in clay with a nature theme, come to Sharon Lynch's show at the Art Hive between August 28 and September 10. There is an opening reception to kick it off at 7 p.m. on Friday, August 28 at The Art Hive, located at 10239 Highway 118, five kilometres east of Carnarvon.

"Colour can really affect our state of mind," Lynch says.

"I like to use dramatic, lively colour in my pottery and experiment with different combinations."

Sharon Lynch's background as a painter and gardener also shows up in her pottery, on display at the Art Hive starting Friday.

A painting background is evident in many of her pieces as she blends colours or uses line for emphasis.

Her show is part of the Hand of The Maker series running every two weeks between June and October at The Art Hive. In addition to beautiful and practical pottery, this year she has included sculptural pieces for the first time.

Lynch believes pottery connects people across time and around the world. It is an ancient craft with a long history of functional as well as aesthetic purpose.

"I get really excited about what can be done with clay," she enthuses.

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At the water's edge

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When it comes to prime wildlife habitat people always speak of transitional zones, areas where one type of cover dissolves into another. The point where a meadow meets the hardwoods is an excellent example. Here, sunlight is suddenly allowed in and so a host of shrubs and wildflowers, different from the ones deep in the forest, thrive.

These zones attract all sorts of life, from insects and songbirds to moose, because of the browse and cover within. This is the reason you frequently see deer browsing along the forest's edge or flush grouse along an old logging road – they're merely taking advantage of the unique opportunities that a transitional area offers.

The same can be said for shorelines of course. Though perhaps far more complex, they too are transitional zones between the terrestrial and the aquatic. And, as such, they are easily as important as any transitional zone to the health of our landscape.

The composition of where water meets land determines what kind of flora and fauna will visit, live, and thrive in the area. A rocky shoreline that dips into deeper water might be the spot where crayfish, and because of them, smallmouth bass congregate. A cattail-edged shore will be beneficial to redwing blackbirds, mosquitoes, emerging dragonflies, and largemouth bass. And so it goes.

Where land meets water you can find a plethora of wonderful plants and insects, not to mention some pretty beautiful views.

The point is there is a lot of purpose packed into the water's edge.

The plants there afford cover for fish and birds. More than that, they act as a nursery area for many aquatic insects. If these are not taken as food in the water by fish, water snakes, and frogs, they stand a good chance of being consumed by bats, birds, toads, and the like once they take to the air.

As if that's not an important enough contribution, these shoreline plants work as a natural filter, cleansing the water they edge. And their root systems do much to protect shorelines and prevent erosion too.

Every log rotting in the water, every old stump sitting in the shallows, every weed bed near the edge, though sometimes seen as a nuisance to our boats and swimming, is an integral part of a very complex ecosystem.

There's no better time to see all this in action than in summer. Now, when the cardinal flowers and pickerel rush are in bloom and the dragonflies are lords of the air, you can easily see the importance of places like this. The edges between the terrestrial and the aquatic are as well defined as they'll ever be by bullhead lilies, sunburnt sedges and others.

Paddle a canoe or float by any of these areas and, as you approach, you're sure to see the ripple of a fish of the slow, deliberate take off of a heron.

This county and province is home to countless miles of shorelines and laws that, for the most part, protect and respect their importance. Even better, most of us grasp that a rock-strewn shoreline is preferable to a sterile concrete one; most of us understand that wild aquatic plants in their natural habitat are immeasurably more useful and beautiful than anything we could plant to take their place.

We haven't fully grasped it yet though. But that transition is well underway too.

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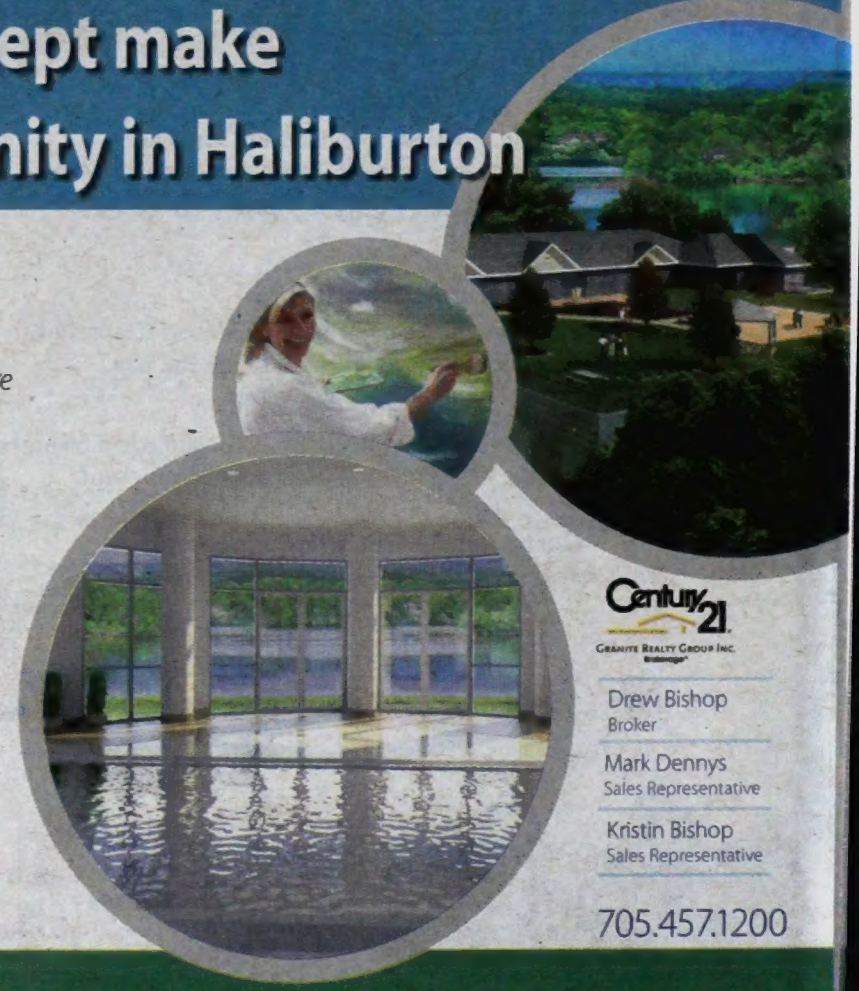

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